

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

3 VIRGINIA TORRES, et al.,

4 Plaintiffs,

5 v.

6 PRAICO, et al.,

7 Defendants.

Civil No. 04-1661 (JAF)

8 **ORDER**

9 This case was called for jury trial starting today. The parties  
10 have agreed to settle the case and its state-court counterpart, Civil  
11 No. DKDP-04-07405 (1008), Superior Court, Bayamón (at San Juan) Part,  
12 for the aggregate amount of \$185,000. The amount of \$75,000 will be  
13 credited toward the federal case, and the amount of \$110,000 will be  
14 credited toward the state-court case.

15 The allocation of settlement funds will be as follows:

16	(1) Virginia Torres:	\$ 10,000.00
17	(2) María Rojas:	\$ 10,000.00
18	(3) Jorge L. Santiago, minor:	\$ 27,500.00
19	(4) Tania Santiago, minor:	\$ 27,500.00
20	(5) Angel Santiago-Rojas, minor:	\$ 27,500.00
21	(6) Shalimar Santiago-Rojas, minor:	\$ 27,500.00
22	(7) José G. Santiago-Rojas, minor:	\$ 27,500.00
23	(8) Angelize Santiago-Rojas, minor:	\$ 27,500.00
24	TOTAL:	\$185,000.00

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1           Plaintiffs' counsel will retain attorney's fees for legal-age  
2           Plaintiffs at the rate of 20%. Attorney's fees for the minor-  
3           Plaintiffs' share will be at the rate of 15%. Costs will be reduced  
4           on a pro-rata basis, considering the percentage of recovery of each  
5           Plaintiff from the total settlement amount of \$185,000. The net  
6           monies belonging to the minor Plaintiffs will be retained by the  
7           court on deposit in interest-bearing accounts until the minors reach  
8           legal age.

9           The parties are to jointly submit a net distribution table  
10          **within ten (10) days.** The checks shall be cut directly by the  
11          insurance company. In addition, the parties are to enter a voluntary  
12          dismissal in the state-court case; this court will enter judgment in  
13          this case accordingly.

14          **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

15          San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2005.

16                                   S/José Antonio Fusté  
17                                   JOSE ANTONIO FUSTE  
18                                   U. S. District Judge